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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: All Counsel and *Pro Se* Parties

FROM: Gregory J. Leonard

DATE:

RE: Civil Action Number

For your information, this district now has three full-time magistrate judges—CLAUDE W. HICKS JR., in Macon, RICHARD L. HODGE in Albany, and G. MALLON FAIRCLOTH in Columbus, Georgia. Full-time magistrate judges are authorized to exercise civil jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §636(c)(1) which provides that: "Upon the consent of the parties, a full-time United States magistrate...may conduct any or all proceedings in a jury or non-jury civil matter and order the entry of judgment in the case...."

Enclosed herewith is an ELECTION FORM which must be executed and returned to this office **WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS** of your receipt of this memorandum. This is necessary to enable the court to better schedule trials and other such hearings as may be appropriate. Attorneys representing more than one party must make clear on whose behalf they are signing.

**MAKE SURE ELECTIONS FORMS  
ARE RETURNED WITHIN 15 DAYS!**

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

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Case Number

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ELECTION UNDER 28 U.S.C. §636(c)

The undersigned, a party in the above-styled proceedings, or counsel authorized to so act, hereby makes the following election pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §636(c)(1) and (2):

**OPTION NO. 1:** I hereby WAIVE my right to trial and entry of judgment before a United States District Judge and CONSENT for a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Middle District of Georgia to conduct any and all proceedings in connection with this action, including, but not limited to, the trial of said case and the ordering of the entry of judgment herein by the magistrate judge; I further agree that any appeal from said judgment shall be taken directly to the Court of Appeals of the Eleventh Circuit in the same manner as an appeal from any other judgment of a district court; **OR,**

**OPTION NO. 2:** I do not waive trial and judgment before the United States District Judge and do not consent for a United States Magistrate Judge to hear and dispose of this case.

Dated this            day of            20

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Attorney for

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<sup>1</sup>Attorneys executing this form must make it clear on whose behalf they are signing.